

Office of Childhood

The Office of Childhood was established on August 28, 2021.
This new office provides a comprehensive approach to childhood care and education in Missouri.

Home Visiting

Maternal, Infant, & Early Childhood Home Visiting & Maternal Child Health Block Grant

795

Households Served

3,581

Total Visits

Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention

854

Households Served

3,193

Total Visits

Missouri Parents as Teachers*

27,615

Households Served

83,052

Total Visits

* DESE School-District Based. Data reported from July 1 - December 4, 2021.

Early Intervention

4,572

Referrals to First Steps

10,051

Children Receiving Services

Children Served (by Service Type)

3,991

Speech-Language Pathology

3,315

Occupational Therapy

3,205

Special Instruction

2,589

Physical Therapy

869

Assistive Technology

629

Dietary/Nutrition Services

Outreach & Professional Development

10,815

Stakeholders Received the Monthly
Childhood Connections Newsletter

View Archived Newsletters on the [Outreach web page](#).



150+

Live Attendees per Monthly
Preschool Development
Grant B-5 Stakeholder
Webinar

691

New Trainings for Clock
Hours Available on the
Missouri Workshop Calendar

49,843

Visits to Early Connections
Website

Missouri's Early Care & Education
Connections

Quality Initiatives

921

Child Care Providers
Received Inclusion
Training

3,600+

Onsite Consultations
Provided in Child Care
Programs

Kindergarten Entry Assessment Pilot

849

Children Assessed

58%

Ready for Kindergarten
Overall



Quality Assurance Report Pilot

87

Classrooms Assessed

85%

Of Classrooms Assessed
Demonstrated Improvement

www.earlyconnections.mo.gov

www.dese.mo.gov/childhood

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Child Care Subsidy

2,082

Contracted Providers

1,324

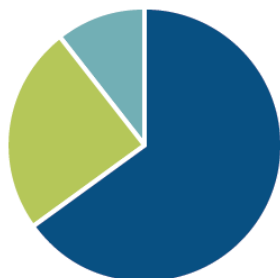
Licensed Providers

499

Registered Providers

213

License-Exempt Providers



Child Care Licensing

2,985

Regulated Facilities

1,717

Child Care Centers

684

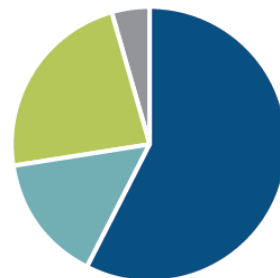
Family Homes

453

License-Exempt Programs

131

Group Homes



State-Funded Preschools

186

Public Preschool Programs

169

School Districts

17

Charter Schools



Afterschool Grant Recipients

177

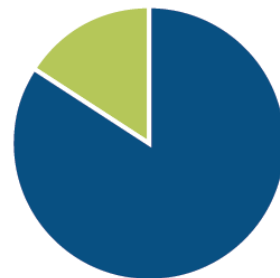
Afterschool Programs

149

21st Century Community
Learning Centers

28

School Age Community



Relief Payments to Child Care Providers in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic*

October 1 - December 30, 2021

Paycheck Protection Program

\$7,432,429 paid to **368** providers
to reimburse for general operating expenses

Start-Up a New Program

\$4,228,377 awarded to **39** providers
to open a new child care program

Expand an Existing Program

\$2,999,847 awarded to **37** providers
to expand the current child care program



Enhancements & Upgrades

\$770,269 awarded to **229** providers
for repairs and equipment/supplies

Technical & Business Information

\$545,161 awarded to **250** providers
to use technology for business operations

Non-Traditional Care

\$509,000 paid to **120** providers
who cared for children during evenings & weekends

*For more information on all of the activities planned for the Child Care Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) funds, review Missouri's complete [CRRSA Spend Plan](#).